REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF ILOILO
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 050
Series of 2020

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SUSPENDING AND PROHIBITING THE NON-ESSENTIAL ENTRY OF PERSONS TRAVELLING BY SEA WITHIN THE CITY OF ILOILO TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT THE SPREAD AND / OR LOCAL TRANSMISSION OF 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19 / 2019 NCOV ARD) CASES FROM 16 MARCH 2020 AT 12 MIDNIGHT UNTIL 14 APRIL 2020, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force (composed of the Department of Health, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Justice, Department of Tourism, Department of Transportation and Department of Information Communication and Technology) for the Management of the Emerging Infectious Disease Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020 dated 12 March 2020, local government units outside the national capital region are advised to exercise sound discretion in suspending classes in their respective localities.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 922, local government units are enjoined to mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11332 it is the policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people and shall endeavor to protect the people from public health threats; and the State recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State.

WHEREAS, Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea issued a Memorandum directing local government units for the stringent social distancing measures and further guidelines for the management of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD.

WHEREAS, on 10 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has considered and declared COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD as a pandemic.

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, the Philippine government upgraded the COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD alert level from Code Red Sublevel 1 to Code Red Sublevel 2.

WHEREAS, as of 14 March 2020, there have been one hundred eleven (111) confirmed cases of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, the prohibition on the non-essential entry of persons travelling by sea within Iloilo City for the period beginning on 16 March 2020 at 12 midnight until 14 April 2020 will be a pre-emptive measure to curb and prevent the spread and/or local transmission of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD in Iloilo City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY P. TREÑAS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Mayor of Iloilo City, do hereby order as follows:

1. The "essential entry" of persons into Iloilo City shall be defined exclusively and shall include only the following:

(a) health care workers;

(b) authorized government officials;

(c) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;

(d) persons providing basic services and public utilities;

(e) essential skeletal workforce;

(f) those persons coming from the Provinces of Iloilo, Capiz, Antique, Aklan and Guimaras who have been tested, cleared and declared by accredited health authorities as COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD negative;

(g) returning residents of Iloilo City who have been tested, cleared and declared by accredited health authorities as COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD negative; and

(h) other such persons who may be defined, identified or cleared or allowed by the accredited health authorities as COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD negative

"**Accredited health authorities**" as used in this Executive Order shall refer either to the World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Health (DOH) or to the Iloilo City Health Office

2. The entry of persons who do not belong to the classification above, shall be classified as "non-essential entry", thus shall be regulated as follows:

a. Those passengers travelling by sea coming from Metro Manila (and its cities), Batangas Seaport through the Roll-On/Roll-Off (RoRo) Ports shall not be allowed to enter Iloilo City from 16 March 2020 at 12 midnight until 14 April 2020;

b. Passengers travelling by sea, who prior to entering Iloilo City can be shown to have come from the 120 countries identified by the World Health Organization as countries with incidence of patients with confirmed cases of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD shall be **prohibited** entry into Iloilo City from 16 March 2020 at 12 midnight until 14 April 2020;

c. Passengers who may be immuno-compromised persons, or those who are at a higher risk of being infected by COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD (e.g. those above 60 years of age, children, and pregnant women) shall be subjected to the protocols, decision tools and triages issued by the accredited health authorities and escorted to their respective residences for voluntary home quarantine for PUMs (persons under monitoring); and to the designated hospital for PUIs (persons under investigation).

3. Clearances issued to persons tested, cleared and declared by accredited health authorities as COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD negative shall be pursuant to protocols, decision tools and triages issued by the accredited health authorities.

4. The Iloilo City Health Office, and Department of Health shall take the operational lead in terms of providing timely updates on the status and developments of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD as well as the applicability of any issuance of the DOH, WHO, and IATF-EID (Inter Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases).

5. The Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Philippine Coast Guard are called upon to ensure strict compliance with this Executive Order which involves the prohibition of non-essential entry of persons who travel by sea into Iloilo City from 16 March 2020 at 12 midnight until 14 April 2020.

6. The entry of cargo ships or vessels shall be governed by DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0034 as amended by Department Circular No. 2020-0034-A, DOH Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) Interim Guidelines No. 1, and DOH BOQ MC No. 2020-02. However, the crew or passenger of the cargo ships or vessels cannot be allowed to disembark from their ships during the period from 16 March 2020 at 12 midnight until 14 April 2020.

7. This executive order effectively amends Executive Order No. 042-A, Series of 2020 insofar as to include passengers coming from Metro Manila (and its cities) and Batangas Seaport through the Roll-On/Roll-Off (RoRo) Ports and those coming from the 120 countries identified by the World Health Organization as countries with incidence of patients with confirmed cases of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD.

8. Appropriate administrative and/or criminal charges or both shall be filed against those person/s who shall break protocol and violate this Executive Order, thereby endangering the lives of the inhabitants of Iloilo City.

9. This executive order may be amended as the need arises, or if there is a change in the situation as reported by the City Health Office, Department of Health or the World Health Organization.

10. If any provision of this Order is declared as invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting

11. All other executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

12. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Iloilo this 15th March 2020.

SO ORDERED.

HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS
Iloilo City Mayor